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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 5, 2006, Applicants elect without traverse
Species A – 1A, 1B. Claims encompassing the elected species are **claims 1 - 6 and 8 -16.**

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

It is submitted that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and the Examiner's expedited examination and consideration are respectfully requested. In the event that minor claim amendments are necessary to meet formal requirements, Applicants invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned so that amendments can be made.

Respectfully submitted,

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